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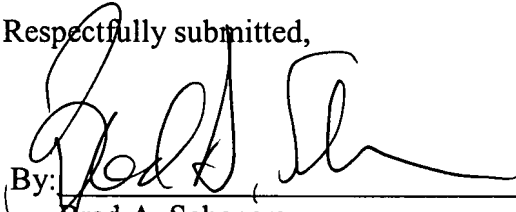
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Copies of the cited items are enclosed for both the foreign references and publications where applicable. With regard to German Patent No. DE 297 12 331, Figures 1-4 show a threaded implant 1 including a slotted opening 10 and circular openings 11. A cap 8 is provided for closing off an open end of the implant body. With regard to French Patent No. FR 2 724 312, an English language abstract is included which sets forth a concise description of the implant shown in Figures 1-4. With regard to French Patent No. FR 2 762 779, an English language abstract is included which sets forth a concise description of the implant shown in Figures 1-3. With regard to French Patent No. FR 2 747 034, a copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,235,059 is enclosed herewith. With regard to International PCT Publication No. WO 96/27348, the front page includes an English language abstract which sets forth a concise description of the implant shown in Figure 1.

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